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Security guard racism handled by outside body

"The university's position is that if there was wrong-doing, it was addressed and the guard has been suspended according to the rules of Sec-Pro," says PR director.

by Chris Leentjes

Concordia security guards say colleagues who harass them with racist comments are being protected by the private security company they work for.

And the University appears reluctant to apply its own Code of Conduct to security guards.

Some guards say Sécurité et Protection Sec-Pro Inc. is slow to react to complaints of racial harassment, but they fear for their jobs if they publicize their complaints.

Sec-Pro guard Dean Rice says that Mark Delany, a white guard, repeatedly called him "nigger" and other things behind his back.

Rice said that when he finally confronted him in late November, Delany repeated the slur to his face.

"And there were two other guards who were there who witnessed it and (Delany) didn't deny it when they confronted him on it," said Rice.

In early December, the company suspended Delany for three days after Rice submitted a written complaint.

Early this week, Delany said, "Whatever happened between me and the person in question was on a personal matter, between me and him. I was not on duty yet I still served a suspension for it and did not confront this person since then.

"I do not know why he's brought up these allegations against me and that's all I have to say."

Sec-Pro Director of Operations Stéphane Chrétier said he cannot comment on any employee's file or even confirm that an investigation was conducted.

Several complaints filed

However, *the Link* has learned that three other guards made oral or written complaints against Delany last semester for repeated racist and stereotypical remarks about their different ethnic backgrounds.

The guards did not want to be named fearing reprisals from their superiors at Sec-Pro and harassment from other guards. Rice came forward after informing Sec-Pro he was quitting.

"I had already given my two weeks notice, but I have heard (from other guards) that basically if I hadn't given my notice, that I would have been out the door," said Rice.

The other guards said Rice's complaint got a response because he approached Concordia's Ombuds Office instead of his Sec-Pro superiors.

The guards said their previous complaints had been made through Sec-Pro's chain of command, to SGW Security Operations Manager Victor Francesco.

"They say 'Oh, we'll take care of it' but nothing was really done," said one of the guards.

The guards said only a memo warning all security personnel against racist behaviour was circulated following one of the complaints. But they say Delany's suspension was not enough and called it "a joke."

"It's not like a three-day suspension will make him change," said Rice. "I don't think that (sort of behaviour) should be tolerated at all...especially at a place like Concordia," he said.

Concordia Director of Security Michel Bujold agreed.

"Discrimination in this department just does not fit, it's not part of the ballgame. You're dealing with the public. You can't be sexist, racist, or anything like that," Bujold said.

Bujold would not give details on other complaints of racism.

"They were being dealt with...In this department, we deal with several issues at the same time and to some people they may be dissatisfied with the action taken or the time it took to do something," he said.

University says wrong-doing addressed, "matter ended"

Security Operations Manager Francesco declined to comment and referred the matter to Concordia Director of Public Relations Ken Whittingham.

Whittingham said the university is not aware of other complaints about Delany that may have been handled within Sec-Pro.

"I don't know what went on in Sec-Pro...(this time) there was a complaint to the university which is why the security department acted," said Whittingham.

He said as far as the university is concerned, "The matter has been investigated. There had been...some admission of wrong-doing on the part of the Caucasian guard and he was disciplined by the firm. And that's sort of where the university feels the matter ended."

Whittingham said although Concordia does not tolerate racist speech or any other disruptive behaviour among its employees, the complaints about Delany and subsequent disciplinary action are a Sec-Pro matter.

"The university's position is that if there was wrong-doing, it was addressed and the guard has been suspended according to the rules of Sec-Pro," he added.

Director of Security Bujold added that problems sometimes arise from the fact that the contracted security firm handles all matters of disciplinary action and the university often has little or no say.

"In this case, I found that (the incident) was very severe and three days (suspension) may not have been enough but that's not for me to decide. That's for the company to decide, what kind of sanctions they're going to get for their officers."

He added, "This matter is closed, yes. Education, training, sensibility training with the guards, that certainly has to continue but I'm satisfied this issue is closed."

photo by Wynne Kelly

Move along— there's no bomb here

by Frank Ivancic

Students and staff had more on their minds than just final examinations last December 9th as Concordia's Hall building was evacuated due to a bomb threat phoned to CUSA.

"The majority of the bomb threats have been around the exam period," said Michel Bujold, Concordia's director of security. Unlike most of the threats which Concordia has received, Bujold said this one was different.

"What made it different was the lack of time between the time of the call and the time of detonation, and the peculiarities of the call," Bujold said. He was unwilling to elaborate on what those peculiarities were.

The threat was complicated by the call being received by CUSA. Bujold said security had to rely on second-hand information from the receptionist, making it more difficult to determine the threat's authenticity. He said having someone else know of the call created a possibility of panic if rumours of the threat circulated.

A search by security in the areas specified by the caller turned up no explosive device, but the decision was made by the officer in charge to evacuate the building. Bujold said it was necessary since they could not fully eliminate the possiblity of a bomb and did not want to take the chance.

"The officer who did decide to clear the building was smart in that sense to make sure that everyone was informed that he knew of in sensitive areas," Bujold said, referring to the efforts made to prepare the exams office and the vice-rector services for the evacuation of the campus.

"They received phone calls right away preparing the people at the library building because we expected with the clearing of (the Hall) building, everyone would go next door which became one of the problems of the evacuation," Bujold said. "It went really well, actually."

Although little can be done to prevent such bomb threats in the future, security has taken precautions to combat the problem.

"The only thing we can really do is what we've done and what we do now during exam periods which is.(the phones) are backtraced. When we receive the call we have to call the police and they will tell us where the call comes from," Bujold said.

Examinations which were cancelled due to the bomb threat are rescheduled for tomorrow.

AGENDA

The Agenda is a free service to publicize Concordia-related events. Space priority is given to non-profit and student groups. Drop off your info at our office, room H-649 in the Hall building, or mail it, indicating AGENDA on the envelope. Deadlines are 5pm, Friday for Tuesday issues, and 5pm Wednesday for Friday issues.

Friday, January 7

Vegan Potluck & Meeting: A group of Montrealers is organizing an anarchist community centre. Possible activities include a cooperative soup kitchen, a collective daycare and a library. Newcomers Welcome! 7 pm, 2035 St. Laurent. Info: 282-0229.

Monday, January 10

Evening Support Group for parents, spouses and adult children of the mentally ill. 7:30 pm, 4333 Cote Ste. Catherine. Info: 486-1448.

Protest Clearcutting at MacMillam-Bloedel! Campus & Community groups demonstrate against logging of Clayoquot Sound. Carpool meets at Librairie Alternative, 2035 St.Laurent, 9:00 am. Info: 282-0229.

GENERAL

Incest Survivors' Group Examine the ways in which incest has affected you and begin the work toward recovery. Group run by professional psychotherapists. Call 848-3545/3555, or drop by H-440 or WC-101.

Concordia Queer Collective weekly meetings: Fridays at 5:30 pm. Learn the latest news and activities at CQC. Womyn and men are welcome to join us for a chat over coffee, tea and snacks. 2020 Mackay, P-102. Info: 848-7414.

Attention Native Students! Regular bi-weekly meetings of First Nations - Concordia are held at the Native Student Centre, 2110 MacKay, 3rd Floor, Fridays at 1 pm. Info: 848-7327.

Debating Society meetings: drop by H-520 on Wednesdays from 7-10 pm, or Fridays from 2-5 pm. Info: 848-7412.

Multi-Faith Dialogue - Brown bag discussions designed to promote understanding between members of different religious faiths. Mondays at noon, T-305 (the Graduate Students' Lounge).

Services for Disabled Students: Volunteers are needed to help us deliver many of the services our students use, such as readers, tutors, and assistants. Info: H-580, 848-3525, or AD 130, 848-3536.

Ham Radio meetings: personal two-way radio,television, computers, radio BBS, satellites, shortwave, electronic projects,emergency communications. Meetings every Tuesday, 7 pm, in H-644-1. Info: 848-7474 and leave a message. Classes start in February.

Coming Out Support Group - The Concordia Queer Collective and the Peer Helper Centre are offering a "Coming Out" support group for womyn and men questioning their sexual orientation and looking for mutual support in a warm, friendly atmosphere. Meetings for men and for womyn begin next week. Info: 848-7414 or 848-2859.

Concordia Irish Society meets every Thursday at 8 pm. Come for coffee and enjoy yourself. Office also open through the week during certain hours. 2020 MacKay, Rm 103. Info: 848-7411.

Hola Amigos y Amigas! All Latin American students interested in becoming members of the Latin American Students' Association, contact Roberto at 333-1947. Gracias.

Condoms are now available in 2 vending machines at SGW, Tim Horton's and Hall Building 4th Floor. The condoms are approved by Health Services.

Montreal Alliance of Aspiring Midwives (MAAM) welcomes enthusiastic people for group study and political action. Info: Liz, 933-1631.

Tashi Delek! All students interested in the Tibetan cause, join the friends of Tibet Club! Info: Tenzin, 646-7331.

Volunteers Needed! Parenthèse is a unique playgroup for immigrant moms and their children and is looking for volunteers. Tues. or Thurs. 1-4:30 pm. Info: Cyndy, 934-0354, ext. 354.

Tel-Aide is a 24-hour telephone listening service and crisis line seeking volunteers who are empathetic and non-judgemental. Training is provided. Info: 935-1105.

Hey Cool People! CRSG is looking for volunteers. Drop by H-647.

"Glitch," a new Concordia student film/video program on Cable 23, is looking for submissions for its upcoming season. Info: 281-7942.

Concordia Association for Undergraduate Students of English (CAUSE) meets every Wednesday at 5 pm, 2020 MacKay, P-103.

The Indian Students' Association invites you to become a member. Trips and other social events are planned. Info: 848-3533.

The Pakistan Students' Association is looking for members. Info: Adil, 287-1774.

The Sociology and Anthropology Students Association needs students to help organize events. Info: Chuck Walsh, 522-6692.

Montreal Alliance of Aspiring Midwives (MAAM) welcomes enthusiastic people for group study and political action. Info: Liz, 933-1631.

Concordia Jewish Students Union announces a weekend retreat at LaColle. January 11-23. Contact Lorne at 848-7487 for more information.

Birth Control Workshops: Not sure what method is right for you? Explore your options in a small group setting with a health professional. Choice of dates: Jan 20, Feb 3, March 3, 17 & 31, 12 noon-1:30 pm, SGW Health Services, 2155 Guy, Rm 407. Info: 848-3565/3575.

Counselling Workshops/Groups - Make this semester an opportunity for growth and change! Sign up now for groups on: coping with loss and grieving; understanding your family; assertiveness training; building positive relationships; personal empowerment and career & educational planning. For more information call Counselling & Development, 848-3545/3555.

CJSU Welcomes students back to school. Drop by our offices at 2020 MacKay, P-203 and find out what's going on. Info: 848-7487.

Project 10 is a support group for lesbians, bi's and gays aged 14 - 25. Info: 989-1885.

WOMEN

Women's Employment Counselling at the "Y" helps women to seek employment, return to work or explore their interests and aptitudes. Eng. & Fr. Free. Info: 866-9941.

Non-Custodial Mothers - You are not alone. Part-time moms, support group for non-custodial mothers. Info: Heidi, 844-8578.

Women's Spirituality Circle for women who want to share in exploration of their spirituality through reflection, ritual, readings and discussions, Tuesdays 11:30 - 1:00, Annex Z, Rm 105. Info: Daryl Ross 848-3585.

The Montréal Assault Prevention Centre offers a self-defense course called ACTION for women. Each course provides verbal and physical techniques to help women deal with any type of aggression. Info: 284-1212. For information on courses on campus, call the Women's Centre, 848-7431.

Shakti is a Women of Colour Collective embodying a Womanist direction. We are anti-racist, anti-sexist, anti-classist and lesbian & bi-positive. All women of colour are invited to participate. Leave a message at 398-7432.

Résidence Project Chance. Residential program for single moms on loans and bursaries or welfare. Call Susan Cross, 934-6199.

Volunteers needed at the Montreal Sexual Assault Centre to staff the telephone crisis line. Please call 934-4504 or 934-0354, extension 229.

Lesbian Mothers support group, call Deborah, 274-8995 or listen to Dykes on Mikes, Mondays, 7 pm, CKUT, 90.3 FM.

The Women's Studies Students' Association has been resurrected. Help us become a force on campus. Tuesdays, 8 pm, basement, 2130 Bishop.

Feminist womyn's creative writing group, open to new members, meets every other Monday at the Concordia Women's Centre. Info: Dana, 521-8480.

"Acoustica," a festival for new Canadian female singer/songwriters, needs submissions and volunteers. Info: Hanna, 849-3791.

The Legal Information Clinic at the "Y" now offers private counselling session to inform women of their rights and guide them through legal proceedings (divorce, wills, immigration, discrimination, employment relations etc.). By Appointment only. $5/ 30 minutes. Info: 866-9941.

The office of The Status of Women invites all Concordia women to come and eat their lunch in a relaxed atmosphere every Wed. at noon in Rm. 103, 2150 Bishop. Info: 848-4841.

Lesbian Discussion Group: This free group for all women who love women will meet weekly to discuss lesbian relationships. Come share warmth, support, fun and good conversation! Starts mid-January. Space is limited. Info: Carol, 695-3100 or Emily, 527-9791.

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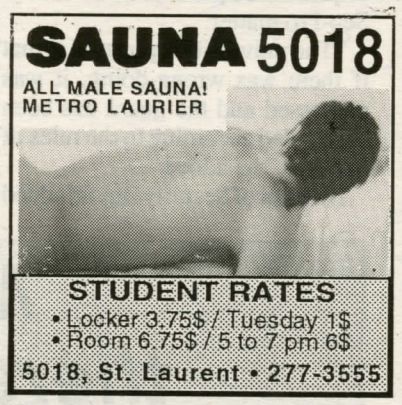

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CARL leaves the phone off the hook

by Stephanie Hruby

Santa getting stuck in a few chimneys wasn't the only thing to go wrong on Christmas Eve. Concordia's Automated Response Line (CARL) malfunctioned, much to the frustration of students hoping to access their grades through the new phone system.

"This was very unusual," said Terry Too, assistant director of Student Administrative Services. "It was not a computer problem but a data link, a Bell telephone line, (that failed)."

The system has various pieces of equipment that run through the McConnell, Hall and C Annex buildings.

"On Christmas Eve, about five in the morning, there was a break in the data communications line (Bell telephone line) that connects the equipment on the fourth and seventh floors (of McConnell)," said Too. This caused the system to malfunction when the computer could not transmit information between the two parts of the machine.

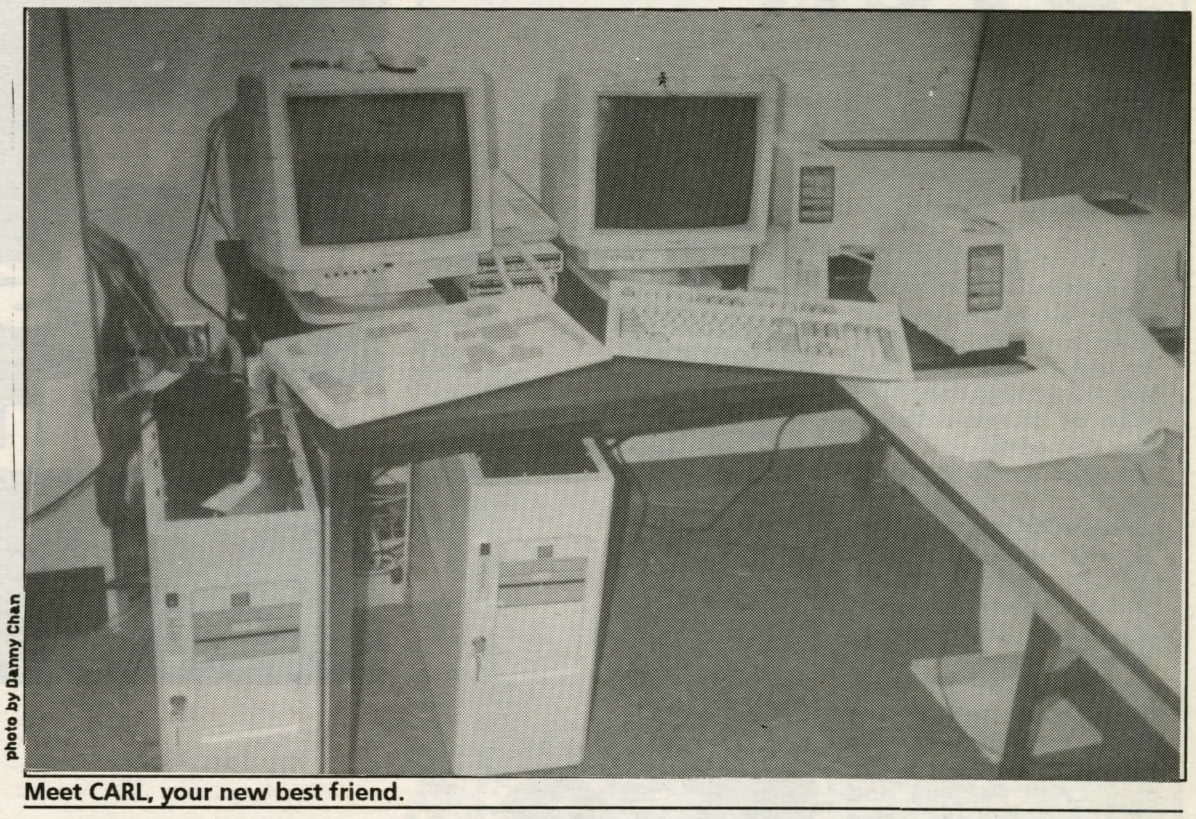
"Obviously, it was frustrating for students. The timing was terrible," said Too. But angry callers cannot blame Bell for their missing grades.

"It didn't delay anyone from getting their marks," said Carol Foster, assistant registrar. She said because professors have one week to submit their marks after their last exams, the grades available when Concordia closed for the holidays were the only grades that would have been in the system. CARL malfunctioned after staff and students had left so no new grades would have been entered into the system until after the break.

Despite this Christmas glitch, Foster said the response line, which debuted on December 13th, is "going well." Too said the system received 20,000 calls within the first five days and "it was able to handle that with no difficulty." He estimated that by today the system will have received 60,000 calls.

Students still unsatisfied with CARL will have a chance to voice their complaints. Both Too and Foster said students will be consulted after the real challenge: registration.

"It's not necessarily going to be a totally smooth ride, we're going to have some bumps and glitches," said Foster. Students can only hope that these bumps and glitches will be easier to take than the traditional strains of "live" registration and grade inquiries.



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Meet CARL, your new best friend.

CUSA taken to court—again

Bookkeeper confident case will be settled in her favour

by Stephanie Pajevic

A former CUSA bookkeeper is taking CUSA to court for breach of contract and defamation of character. Hertha Fellner von Feldigg was fired after serving half a year of a three-year contract.

Fellner von Feldigg believes she was fired for personal reasons and not because of her bookkeeping.

"I had a feeling that I would get fired when the new management came in," she said. According to Fellner von Feldigg, there had been tension between herself and 93-94 CUSA co-president Lana Grimes.

While still a CUSA employee, Grimes criticized 92-93 co-presidents Charlene Nero and Phil Toone in a letter to the *Concordian*.

"I blew my top," said Fellner von Feldigg. She replied to Grimes' letter with one of her own in a student newspaper at Concordia.

After Grimes and Philip Dalton took office, Fellner von Feldigg was told she was not fit to do her job.

"They considered my bookkeeping shoddy, but it was a hell of a mess to straighten out when I took over," she said.

She said she did the best she could under difficult circumstances. "There was a bug in the computer system at one point and I did the bookkeeeping by hand," said Fellner von Feldigg.

The 62-year-old Concordia graduate said she is not eager to sue CUSA but will stand for her rights.

"My lawyer is confident that it's going to be settled in my favor," she said.

CUSA tried to get the case thrown out of court, claiming Fellner von Feldigg was still a member of the union. But she has documents stating she was no longer a member of the union when she went under contract.

Fellner von Feldigg said CUSA seems to have misplaced their records on her. However, she has managed to get a copy which is now in the possession of her lawyer.

In response to these allegations, CUSA co-president Lana Grimes said when the new management took over, the office was a mess.

"A lot of stuff was out of order, there was paper chaos," she said.

Grimes also said the decision to terminate Fellner von Feldigg was not based on personal problems. "It's a decision not just made by myself. I don't know Hertha well enough to have any personal problems with her," said Grimes.

"The association could not afford to pay for someone whose performance was not up to standards."

Even though Fellner von Feldigg was under contract, the CUSA co-president said they had valid reasons to terminate her employment.

According to Grimes there had been unopened bills from the government that should have been brought to the attention of Fellner von Feldigg's superiors. CUSA will also have auditors testifying on its behalf during the trial.

The trial, which was supposed to have taken place December 8th, is now scheduled for January 17th.

CUSA vice-president fights dismissal

by Kelly L'Archevêque

Former CUSA vice-president of services Michelle Soso will not be recovering from her turbulent holiday season just yet. At least not until next Thursday at 6:30pm when the 28 members of CUSA's board of directors will hear her appeal in a special meeting called by co-presidents Lana Grimes and Philip Dalton.

After being fired by CUSA on December 13th, Soso spent the holidays preparing to appeal to the board of directors. Although there is no formal appeal process in the CUSA constitution, Soso said she filed a verbal complaint in December and that a written appeal was deposited at CUSA on Monday.

In a letter of termination from Grimes and Dalton, Soso's lack of progress in the services portfolio, her inavailability timewise and the fact that she moved "critical" audit documents without permisission were the reasons given for her dismisal.

"I can't see where these explanations come from," said Soso. She added she even dropped a course to increase her availability.

"The bottom line with services is money and given CUSA's critical financial situation, there isn't much money to offer services with," siad Soso in response to the weak portfolio accusation.

"I never received any indication, verbal or written, that my work or hours were unsatisfactory," Soso said. The third-year student did say that from October 18th to December 13th, CUSA had been secretly monitoring her work, making sure she put in the expected 20 hours a week.

Dalton said Soso's firing was definitely not related to a difference of opinion.

"There have been lots of personality conflicts throughout the course of this administration, no one's ever gotten fired for it. If people can do the job and commit to it they're welcome... our letter makes our position regarding Ms. Soso quite clear, as a member of our executive she is not welcome," Dalton said.

Soso will not comment on whether she is considering legal action until her appeal is heard for fear of influencing the board's decision. "Soso has approached the union after legal council advised her to go through the union," said Sarah Fowlie, CUSA union president.

Soso has prepared a package of evidence to present to the board in her defence.

"I am not ashamed of anything, I have nothing to hide," said Soso, adding that she considers all her documents to be public and available to any students who wish to view them.

Soso said that if CUSA finds these accusations justified, "they can easily be applied to other employees."

"I feel that it is unfortunate that this happened. The lines of communication on CUSA's executive have broken down tremendously, but the lines on my end were always open."

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by Daria Gamliel

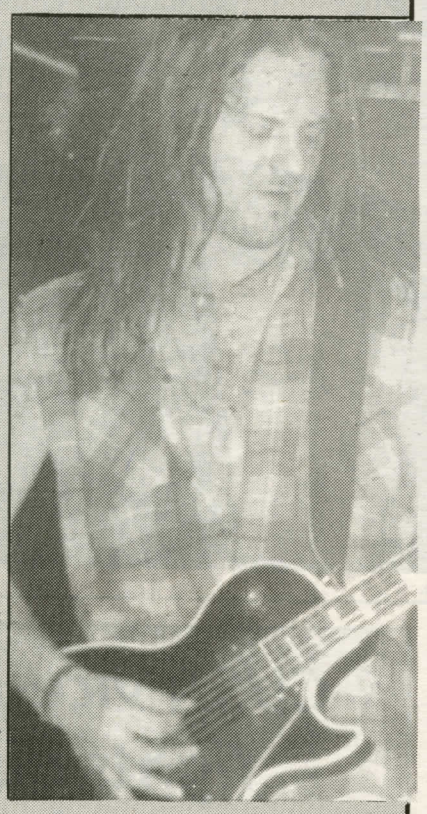


photo by Daria Gamliel

Following an appearance at the Q107 National Rock Awards in mid-December, the bad boys of **Sven Gali** breezed through town once again on the night before New Year's Eve..

Though a somewhat small venue for such a popular band, the Rockpile nevertheless offered an opportunity for fan's to check out one of Canada's finest talents, and thaw out from the blistering minus 20 degrees weather.

After watching several brain-frying episodes of Beavis and Butthead, and enduring the deejay's skipping Chilli Peppers and Whitesnake CDs, the crowd was hungry for some REAL action.

The pre-New Year's Eve bash got under way 'round elevenish, when opening band **Anxiety** took to the stage. With a kickin' opening act like Anxiety, and a prize draw by CHOM FM's Paul Beauregard, who could complain?

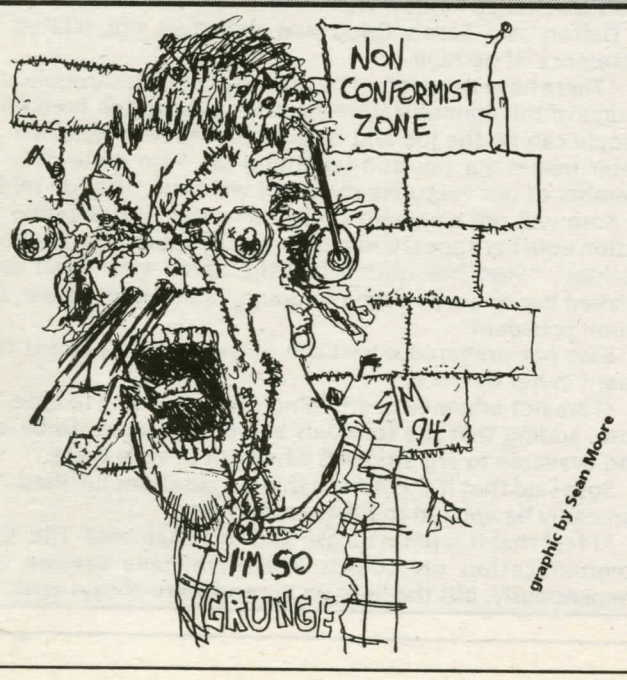
-And then Sven Gali; crammed onto the tiny Rockpile stage they heightened the show's intensity. Although ballads like *Love Don't Live Here* were left off the night's set, the roomfull of headbangers didn't seem to mind. Sentimentalists were forced to swoon elsewhere, while "true" fans rocked along with enthusiasm.

Singer Dave Wanless's energy for the crowd was apparent early in the set. Belting out song after song, he often climbed onto tables and walked right into the audience.

Wanless and his cohorts introduced the crowd to a load of new songs. The fresh material was much more aggressive than anyone could have predicted. At one point, Wanless said, "If ya like it, you can applaud. If ya don't, well, you can throw things at us." Needless to say, no objects were hurled forth. Indeed, songs like the guitar-heavy *Cannibal* were definite highlights of the performance. If this is any indication of what's to come from Sven Gali, they're bound to have an awesome 1994!

Evidently, the band's turn to a heavier, angrier sound was evoked by the aggression the band no doubt felt after their recent stop-over in Ireland. It was common for them to see a tank parked outside a concert venue. Witnessing such hostility is bound to change a person's outlook on life. Wanless professed that he sure was glad to live in Canada, no matter how bad a state we may believe it to be in.

Sven Gali hope to get back into the studio by February. Their much anticipated second release should be unleashed by this summer—maybe even spring, if we keep our fingers crossed.



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New Year's Desolutions

by Jon Richler

Happy New Year.

Do you remember the old standard query that came your way around this time of year when we were young?

"What have you learned in the past year?"

It's questions like these that make me hate the wise. The wise ask kids this stuff, already knowing the answers. They enjoy screening us naive ones, for our answers allow them to nod and "mmm-hmmm", instilling upon them a feeling of joy, somewhat akin to not receiving a fruitcake over the holidays.

Let us now prepare ourselves for the sure-to-come question by reviewing our years' personal shit. Reflection into one's soul is a full time job. Fortunately, this is one job with a solid loophole: you can call in sick every day.

Ah, but you see, "The only one who'll end up getting hurt is yourself."

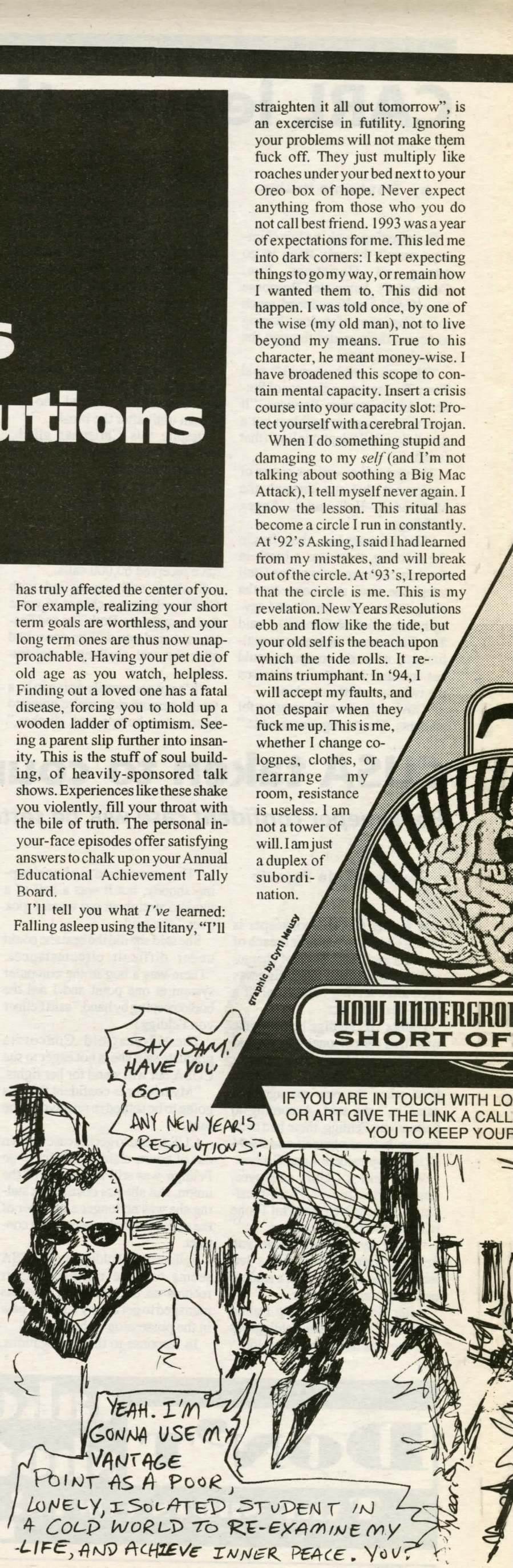
Join me in my open hatred of that line. We know there is no ostrich escape hole from our souls. That's why drugs sell better than Jean-Paul Sartre. But the wise Askers shun chemical escapism, so let's arm ourselves with sober, or sobering experiences. Take this short time you have now to stare at yourself. What did you do for your*self* this past year? Recall the events of 1993 that ripped into your being. I'm not referring to calling the Grandparents more than three times, getting a job, making a mixed tape of your fave tracks, or finding a new look acceptable for both Bifteck and Angel's. Feel good about, but don't recall such cherished achievements to the wise ones.

Let's instead expose the jugular from which our raw emotion flows, for this is what brands experience onto the template of our minds. Like finally whipping that emotional ball of snot into your ex's face.

Grit. Dirt. Call up something that has truly affected the center of you. For example, realizing your short term goals are worthless, and your long term ones are thus now unapproachable. Having your pet die of old age as you watch, helpless. Finding out a loved one has a fatal disease, forcing you to hold up a wooden ladder of optimism. Seeing a parent slip further into insanity. This is the stuff of soul building, of heavily-sponsored talk shows. Experiences like these shake you violently, fill your throat with the bile of truth. The personal in-your-face episodes offer satisfying answers to chalk up on your Annual Educational Achievement Tally Board.

I'll tell you what *I've* learned: Falling asleep using the litany, "I'll straighten it all out tomorrow", is an excercise in futility. Ignoring your problems will not make them fuck off. They just multiply like roaches under your bed next to your Oreo box of hope. Never expect anything from those who you do not call best friend. 1993 was a year of expectations for me. This led me into dark corners: I kept expecting things to go my way, or remain how I wanted them to. This did not happen. I was told once, by one of the wise (my old man), not to live beyond my means. True to his character, he meant money-wise. I have broadened this scope to contain mental capacity. Insert a crisis course into your capacity slot: Protect yourself with a cerebral Trojan.

When I do something stupid and damaging to my *self* (and I'm not talking about soothing a Big Mac Attack), I tell myself never again. I know the lesson. This ritual has become a circle I run in constantly. At '92's Asking, I said I had learned from my mistakes, and will break out of the circle. At '93's, I reported that the circle is me. This is my revelation. New Years Resolutions ebb and flow like the tide, but your old self is the beach upon which the tide rolls. It remains triumphant. In '94, I will accept my faults, and not despair when they fuck me up. This is me, whether I change colognes, clothes, or rearrange my room, resistance is useless. I am not a tower of will. I am just a duplex of subordination.



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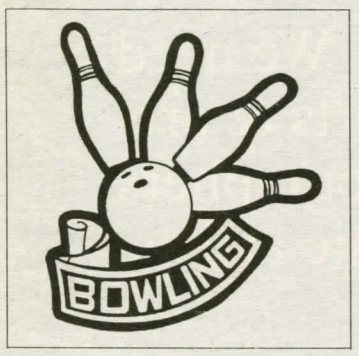


by Ingrid Hein

For anyone who isn't a shark, playing pool in a crowded bar can be intimidating. Eight-ball has a stigma that goes with it —if you're good you play, if you're not, you watch.

Even darts can be scary. (What is that tipsy person aiming for?)

As for bar trivia games, there's always a hot-shot in the place who has a knack to remember small insignificant facts, and has a serious ego to go with it.

So what could be the perfect bar entertainment for the non-athletic, non-academic ... 'Bowling!"

Of course.

It has always been the choice sport for beer-guzzlers, gossipers, Rosanne Barr and childrens birthday parties.

So it's really hard to believe that someone could take bowling and make it cool. But **Le Bowling Bar** has managed to do just that.

Four young entrepreneurs opened Le Bowling Bar last October 29th, and as an alternative night out, it's really made a splash.

It's a source of entertainment that got its reputation in the 50's: hoop skirts, greasers, bubble gum and soda pop. But Le bowling Bar is nothing like that. They don't play rockabilly music. the D.J. is more hip to the likes of the B-52's, M.C. Solar, Me Mom and Morgentaler, acid-jazz, and world beat funk. — Nothing remotely 50's here.

There's something to be said about a retro-artsy looking 90's dance club/bar/bowling alley. It's actually really cool!

The ten-pin bowling lanes are no small affair. It's really no place for serious bowlers. —It's kind of...different.

As bowlers try their luck at a strike, a live pin-placer does somersaults and swings on a "rig" giving the bowler incentive, and most of all, making it fun.

The bowling lane acrobats are mostly dance students, and their spectacle is under the choreography of artistic director Pierre-Paul Savoie.

The organisers of Le Bowling Bar stress that there is no seriousness to the game. People dance around the lanes to loud music, they drink, and unlike around a pool table, the spectators pipe into the fun. There's an ambiance to the place. Candles on high shelves give the walls of the bar a rich fuchsia glow to create a comfortable atmosphere, but at the same time the place is unmistakably a wild drinking/dancing club. The decor is almost pop-art-90's style. Black drinking tables in puzzle-piece shapes reflect in round mirrors framed by bowling trophies.

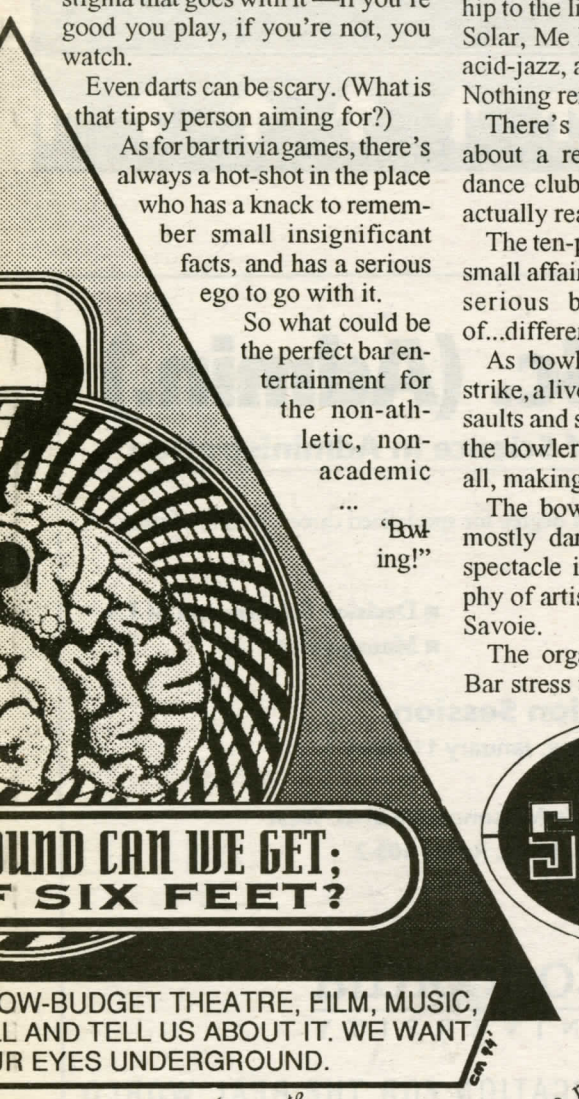
Le Bowling Bar opened two months ago. Partners Robert Denigen, Michel Bergeron, Néree Arsenault and Stephane Larose wanted to open a place that was fun. Something different from the rest. A place that wasn't overcrowded with young Plateau hipsters or club dwellers. They wanted a place with a light atmosphere where people could have fun without the regular inhibitions of clubs where looking good and being cool are people's main concern. Bowling (with a twist) seems to be the perfect answer.

Le Bowling Bar is a real novelty for Montreal. It is the only place of its kind in North America; and possibly in the world, according to part-owner Paule Fontaine. She said that on week-ends people dressed up have no problem taking off their chic footwear and putting on a pair of bowling shoes.

For entertainment far beyond the normal dance club, the price isn't bad. Four dollars on Thursdays, five on Friday and Saturday (plus an obligatory coat-check-$1), and once inside, four dollars per bowling game (and that includes the shoes!)

Le Bowling Bar is located at 4428 St. Laurent (just below Mont Royal.) It opens at 9p.m. Thursday—Sunday.

A human pin-placer at the bowling bar.



SPINS

DE LA SOUL
Buhloone Mind State
Tommy Boy/Rush

by Jon Richler

With a whole bunch of new beats, smooth for the aural connoiseur, and once again, cryptic rhyme verses, De La have returned to the land of the superior. The guys have regained the throne of innovation they'd earned with *3 feet high and rising*. What gives this album its pleasurable playback essence, is groove trackflow and story-like raps by **Posdnuos**, **Prince Paul**, and **Maseo**.

I am i BE gives us a formula for identity, explains the Native Tongue breakup, plus introduces Pos's familly, *eye PATCH* gently delivers a speech on how not to judge. Of course, silliness is around: *long ISLAND wildin'* is a one minute rap by **SDP** and **Takagi Kan**, throwing the listener into a whole different orientation-pun intended, by the way. **Biz Markie** drops in as well, to beatbox and ramble in *stone AGE*. The nicest part of the album is a piece even your parents will like: *i Be blowin'* is a piece of the acid jazz pie that just oozes with calories. The ensemble is radio and club friendly, and would make a great gift for any friend.

THE MOZZ
Ragamettal byznyzz
Virgin Music

by Jeff Nearing

Imagine a band influenced by one part Public Enemy, one part Duran Duran and one part Prince. Where all these pop divas meet is where The Mozz lays one huge stinking egg.

This band of self-important and talentless hacks is trying so hard to be so many different things that they fail miserably at all of them. Their psuedo-hip-hop cum jazz fusion cum pop album is so aware of it's product status that any hope you have for the music is dashed when you see the mind boggling smallness of the "designer" lyrics sheet.

This album is vacant of any originality, and presents to the listener only canned music, vapid lyrics and the saccharine personalities of 'the Mozz" and his bud, 'Mystah Munroe'. Give me a break!! This kind of sophomoric posing went out with the Eighties!!!! End of spin.

SHAQUILLE O'NEAL
Shaq Diesel
BMG/Jive

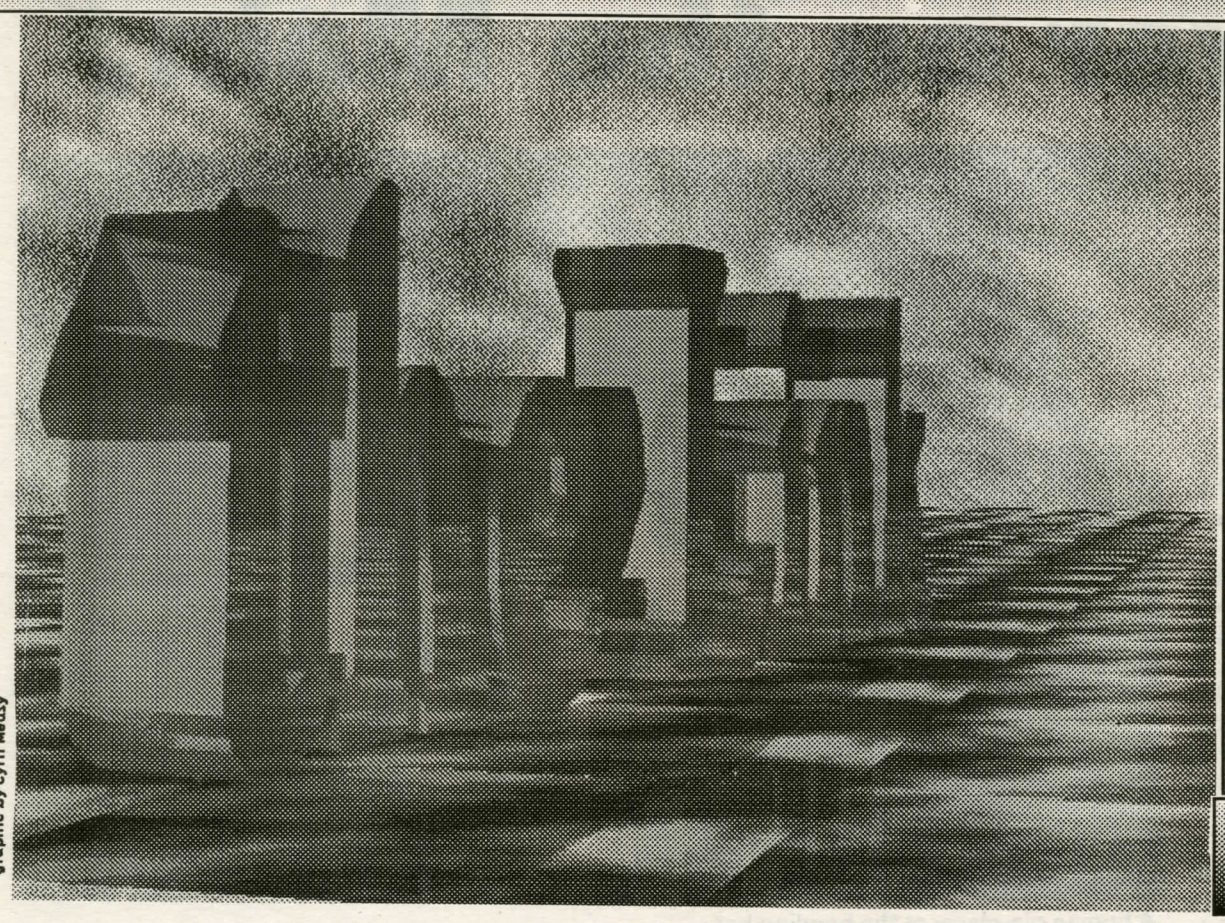
by Danny Chan

Had enough of the Shaq Attack? Maybe shooting hoops isn't enough for the NBA superstar, cuz in his first album **Shaq Diesel**, basketball superstar O'Neal declares himself the baddest rapper and the baddest b-ball player around. In *I'm outstanding*, Shaq says "I'm born from my mother but I'm God's creation."

He starts the ten-song LP with a little ode to himself, giving his unsuspecting listeners the sound bite from when he was drafted first overall back in '92.

The self-addressed love letter continues throughout **Shaq Diesel** in such modestly-titled tracks as *(I Know I Got) Skillz*, and *I Hate 2 Brag*.

Oh, then there's the music. Hip-hop just isn't Shaq's forté. If he put out the same pumped-in-your-face effort behind the mike as he does on the court then maybe the tunes would pass. But sorry Shaq, you just fouled out in *this* game.



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Stingers beat Queen's in consolation game

by Frank Ivancic

Stinger hopes of advancing to the Concordia Hockey Invitational Tournament final were dashed in a penalty-filled game against the Union College Dutchmen last Wednesday.

But that didn't stop the Stingers.

In the Consolation Round the following afternoon, the team played with surprising jump and tenacity from the moment the puck first hit the ice, and skated to an entertaining 8-6 win against Queen's Golden Gaels. The Stingers outshot the Golden Gaels 51 to 26.

Gaels score first

Despite the one-sided shot total, the Gaels put up a good fight and even managed to strike first on the scoreboard. Queen's center Gary Girardi wove his way into the slot from the left wing and backhanded the puck past goalie Dale Betts for a 1-0 lead.

Don't blame the Stingers' netminder, though. It could have easily been a three- or four-goal deficit for Concordia, but Betts stopped two Golden Gaels' breakaways and stoned them later on with three rapid-fire saves from in close during a Queen's power play.

Stingers tie at end of first

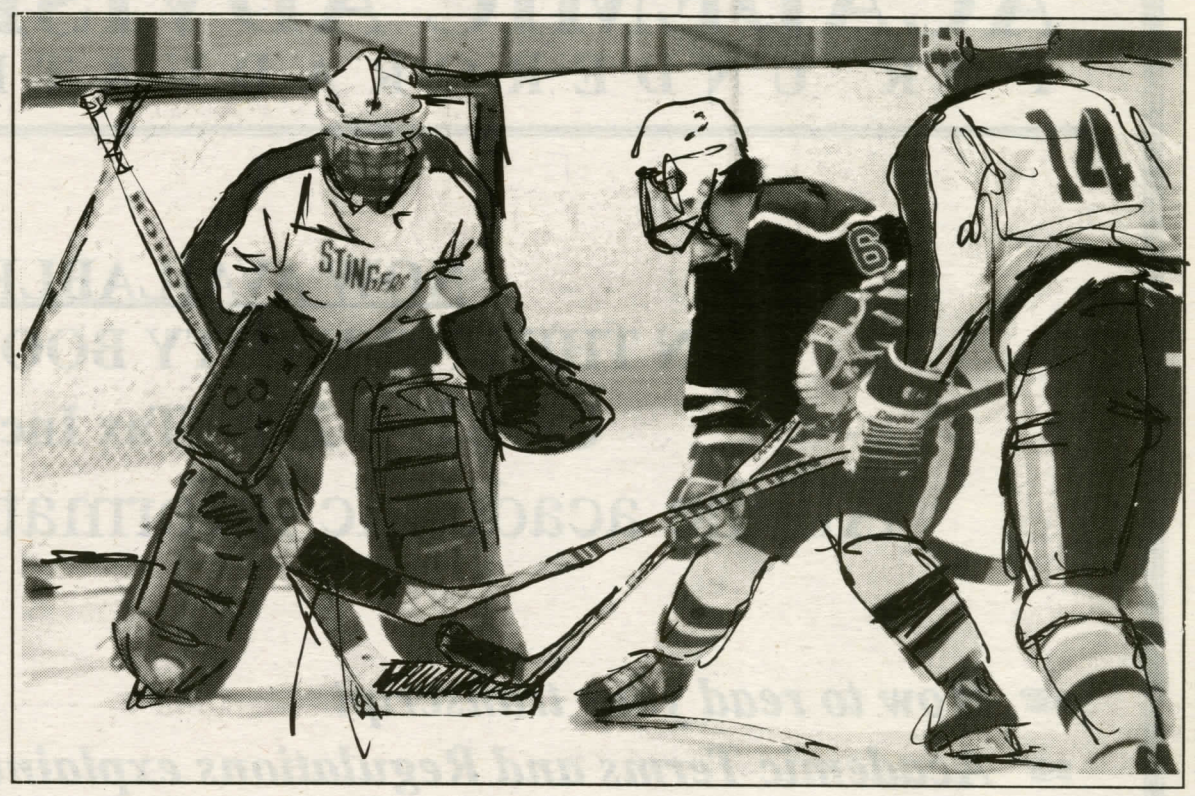
Stinger Daniel Picard, who collected four points in the game and was named the top forward in the tournament, put his team on even footing again after splitting the defence, beating Queen's goalie Martin Cecchetto with a backhand shot.

The Golden Gaels got off to a quick start in the second period, taking advantage of a Concordia penalty to score two quick goals by Kenny Robbins and Andrew Clark, his first of two.

Penalty trouble has dogged the Stingers all season long and it hurt them in the tournament, especially in the game against Union College.

"You have to adjust to the referee...the reason why we've lost our games this year has never been because we've played more talented teams or that we've been outworked, it's because we took those penalties. We are our worst enemies," Beaucage said.

Speaking of penalties, the Stingers took advantage of Queen's lack of discipline and scored their first of four power-play goals, when Richard Guindon took a good pass from teammate Steve Salhany and ripped the shot past Cecchetto.



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Stingers outshoot Gaels

As the period wound down to the second intermission Queen's went to the dressing room with 5-4 lead even though the Stingers had nearly twice the number of shots as the Gaels. But was it a bad omen of things to come for the home team?

Nope, Concordia had the Gaels right where they wanted them.

Netminder Cecchetto saw enough rubber in the third period to become the next Goodyear spokesperson as the Stingers outshot their guests 20-3 in the frame. The other goalscorers for Concordia were: Chris Miller, Dan Mizrahi, Martin Balleux with two, Seamus McGuire and Patrice Martineau. Scorers for the Gaels included: Ryan Kantautas and Allan Bucher.

— Hockey Briefs —

• **After disposing** of the host team, the Union College Dutchmen went on to defeat the University of New Brunswick Varsity Reds in the final to capture the Concordia Hockey Invitational title (Dec.29-30).

While Concordia finished third in the tournament, there was a proud moment for the Stingers as right-winger Daniel Picard was named as the tournament's Top Forward. Union College had two of their own named for excellence with Mark Gallant getting the nod as Top Goaltender and defenceman Reid Simonton hauling away the Most Valuable Player award. The University of New Brunswick had the tournament's Top Defenceman with Mike Cavanagh.

• **You remember** Luc Lachapelle? He was one of those replacement referees that the NHL called in to handle the striking refs' duties for a number of weeks last November.

Well, Lucky Luc was the referee for last Wednesday's game between the Stingers and Union College and he was still in that generous Christmas spirit as he dished out 33 penalties before the game was settled. Union College took advantage of their eight power plays to score four times against Concordia while the home team only managed to convert on one of their nine opportunities.

It wasn't the only time this season that the Stingers have gotten themselves into penalty trouble. Coach Yves Beaucage has repeatedly tried to make his team break this bad habit, but has yet to be fully successful.

"The type of penalties we're taking, they're retaliation penalties. Penalties that are so easily avoided and removed from your repertoire. It's just a question of thinking about it and to keep on reinforcing to players 'why do we take those penalties,'" he said.

"In the game against Union, we were 14 minutes short in the first period. How can you win games when you spend 14 minutes out of 20 in the penalty box?"

• **Team captain** Derek Potts was injured near the end of the game against the Golden Gaels and was helped off the ice, favoring one leg. Fortunately it was found to be nothing more serious than a bruise and will probably play this weekend.

• **So far** in league play this season, the Stingers men are 6-4-1 yet find themselves in only fourth place in their division. They're fighting for a playoff berth as only the top three teams will qualify for the postseason. As coach Beaucage points out, Concordia would be in first place in any other division.

"We have by far the toughest conference in the country. It's going to be a battle every time. We could have an average of .650 and still not make the playoffs," said Beaucage. "Why worry about winning or losing, I can't control that. But what I can control is preparing my team to be their best to play."

• **The women's** hockey team is clearly the class of their league and proof of that talent is the fact that four of the Concordia Stingers have been invited to tryouts with National teams in preparation for the the World Championships which will be held in Lake Placid, N.Y. this April.

Forward Laura Leslie and goalie Marie-Claude Roy will be at the Canadian team tryouts in Kitchener, Ont. later this month. Forwards Karyn Bye and newcomer Cammi Granato have already attended the U.S. tryouts this past December. The Canadian and American National team rosters will be announced sometime in February.

—Frank Ivancic

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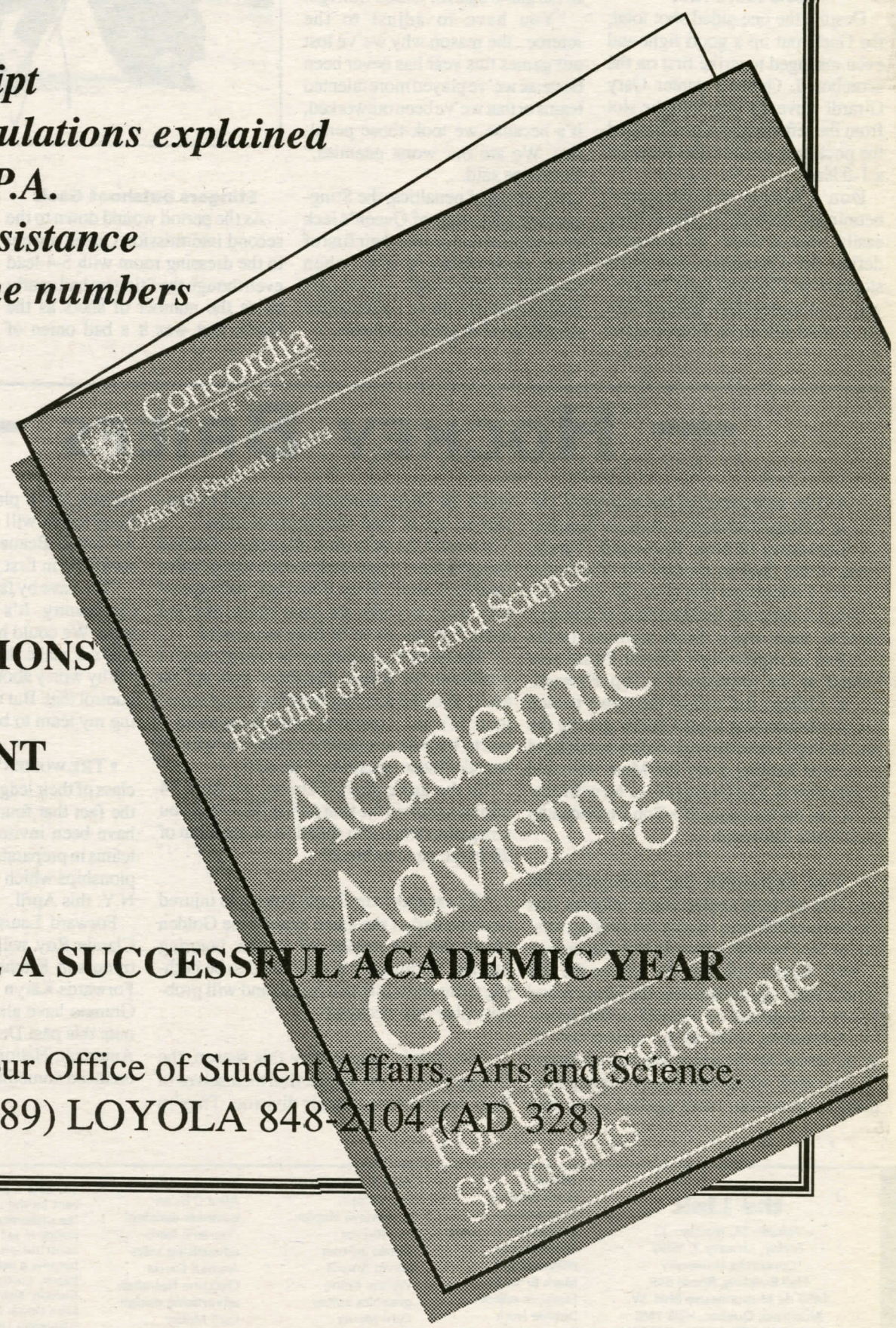

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